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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to support continued broadband competition by allowing providers access to unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs). I oppose USTelecom's petition to roll back access to these services under the false claim that "there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition".

I and my local internet provider, sonic.net, are a counterexample: I used to be an AT&T customer but their service was poor and they purposefully throttled my DSL speed to try to get me to pay more money for faster access. Instead I switched to an independent company sonic.net that provided the fastest service that the line to my house would support, for a lower cost with more features than AT&T, with more responsive and helpful customer service. Competition is working in my neighborhood and should be encouraged throughout America.

I regularly use my home broadband service to connect to my work at a US National Laboratory. Having viable competition to achieve fast internet at an affordable rate directly help with that work.

Thank you for your consideration and support of competition in the residential broadband market.

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